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TAGS: PFOR, GR, TU

SUBJ: PRESS REACTION TO POSSIBLE RESUPTION OF ARMS SALES  
TO TURKEY

1. ATHENS NEWS MEDIA REPORTED WIDELY ON JULY 11  
PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS RELATED TO POSSIBILITY OF  
CONGRESS LIFTING TURKISH ARMS EMBARGO. PRESS DIVIDED  
IN GIVING PRIMARY STRESS TO TESTIMONY BEFORE HOUSE  
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF UNDER SECRETARY SISCO  
AND CIA DIRECTOR COLBY. LATTER'S TESTIMONY WAS HEADLINES  
IN SOME NEWSPAPERS AS EVIDENCE OF ADMINISTRATION'S  
MOBILIZING ALL ITS FORCES". PRESS BRIEFINGS BY  
PRESIDENT AND CONGRESSMEN MORGAN AND ZABLOCKI WERE  
ALSO COVERED IN DAILY NEWSPAPERS. REPORTAGE EXCERPTED  
SISCO'S PRESENTATION OF DAMAGING EFFECTS OF PROHIBITION  
AND QUOTED VERBATIM HIS OBSERVATION THAT "FAILURES  
ON PART OF TURKEY TO ADOPT A FLEXIBLE AND CONSTRUCTIVE  
POSITION IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO,  
WOULD GO TO THE HEART OF AMERICAN-TURKISH RELATIONSHIP".

2. HEADLINES AS FOLLOWS: "FORD HAS MOBILIZED  
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CIA TOO FOR RESUMPTION OF AID TO TURKEY"(TO VIMA);

"FORD PERSUADES CONGRESS TO HELP ANKARA"(KATHIMERINI);  
"WHILE FORD REQUESTS RESUMPTION OF AID, HE DOES NOT  
GUARANTEE ANKARA'S POSITION ON CONCESSIONS"(ELEFTHEROS  
COSMOS); "ALL RUSH TO RESUME AID TO TURKEY; CIA, SISCO,  
PENTAGON IN FAVOR OF TURKEY"(TA NEA); "CIA TOO  
INTERVENES SO THAT TURKEY WILL GET ARMS-COLBY  
TESTIFIED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS:(VRADYNI).

3. EDITORIAL WERE LIMITED TO AKROPOLIS WHICH WROTE  
THAT THE RESUMPTION OF AID WOULD CONSTITUTE A FATAL  
MISTAKE AND KATHIMERINI WHICH REGRETTE THAT THE PRECONDITIONS FOR  
RESUMPTION WHICH HAD BEEN SET BEFORE  
BY CONGRESS WERE NOT MET AND NOW TURKEY MAY RECEIVE  
US MILITARY SUPPORT WITHOUT TERMS.  
KATHIMERINI DESCRIBED TURKISH-AMERICAN COOPERATION  
TO OBTAIN CERTAIN BENEFITS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN  
AND WARNED THAT SHOULD CONGRESS CONCEDE TO PRESIDENT'S  
REQUEST THEN CONGRESS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR WHATEVER  
HAPPENS IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN, THE FURTHER  
CHILL IN GREEK-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND THE ESCALATION  
OF THE CRISIS WHICH HAS DISSOLVED THE SE WING OF THE  
ALLIANCE.

4. AFTERNOON RADIO BROADCASTS CARRIED ITEM REFERRING  
TO STATEMENTS OF GEORGE BALL AND CYPRUS VANCE BEFORE  
HIRC.  
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